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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed for consideration by the Examiner during examination of the above identified application are copies of the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

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In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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